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Poetry is like a bird, it ignores all frontiers.

*Yevgeny Yevtushenko*

Be like the bird,  
who, pausing in her flight awhile on boughs too slight,  
feels them give way beneath her, and yet sings,  
knowing she hath wings.

*Victor Hugo*

"Here every bird and fish knew its course.  
Every tree had its own place upon this earth.  
Only man had lost his way."

*Margaret Craven*

# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Volume 2 of : *Nature's Way, Birds of the Hills*. This book was a long time in coming. I started it back in 2016 after the first volume was published, but life and circumstances seemed to get in the way at every turn. But, a promise is a promise. So, here it is *finally*! As with the other book, this is a book about birds living their lives free and clear as birds are wont to do. Good for them, I say.

As with Volume 1, this book is only for you to enjoy their lives as they pass through yours. There is no table of contents nor an index. They appear in this book as they appear in your life: unplanned and unpredictable.

As with Volume 1, this second volume is still dedicated to anyone who pauses to look whenever they see a bird, or chooses to listen to its song. But it's most especially dedicated now to the love of my life, Margo Elizabeth Simpson and my loving, caring daughter, Denise. As Margo passed from this life and into another, may her new journey be filled with the songs of the thrushes in her ears and their beauty in her eyes and mind.







A Great Blue Heron may have bitten off more than it can chew.



The symbol of America, the Bald Eagle,  
gives me a proper, proud pose.



Perhaps one of the most beautiful birds in America,  
The male Wood Duck